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Daily Biblical Quotation

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 24, 1919.

He shall cover thee with his feathers, and under his wings shalt thou trust; the truth shall be thy shield and buckler. Psal. 91:4.

He that hath made his refuge God
Shall find a most secure abode.

Shall walk all day beneath his shade;

And there at night shall rest his head.

I will say of the Lord, He is my refuge
and my fortress; my God; in him will I trust
Psa. 91:2.

And now Palmer has a nervous attack—First Wondrow, then House, McAdoo, too; it will be remembered had to "get outdoors." And now its Palmer. No use talking, this "voices-in-the-air" business will force any of 'em to take to their bed sooner or later.

LET AMERICA DECIDE.

The frenzied demands of certain League advocates that the peace treaty controversy be settled now so as to prevent its becoming a partisan issue in the presidential campaign is puzzling. Why this zeal to prevent the American people from passing directly on this most momentous of issues? What have certain gentlemen at stake that they are so wildly anxious to have the treaty accepted by the senate and thus fastened on the country before the country has had opportunity to express its wishes in the matter?

It was at one time urged that haste in the matter was necessary in order that peace might come to a disordered world. It was also urged that the treaty could not become effective unless and until the United States gave its official adhesion. Both of these arguments have been disproven. The treaty is effective whenever Britain, France and Japan are ready to so declare it. Peace then exists between those nations and the former central powers; and can be made effective as between America and the central powers by a simple concurrent resolution of both houses of congress. And that resolution has been framed, introduced and is now pending an unfinished business, to be disposed of early next month.

Then what is more natural and proper than for the United States to take the larger and more important matter, its own membership in the international confederacy, before the voters in the presidential campaign next year, and invite an expression thereon? Are there gentlemen advocating this proposed association who are willing to defy public opinion? Would they reverse it? Or have they such a personal interest in the matter that they fear it?

The World considers the American people exceedingly fortunate in the failure of the senate to reach an agreement. Unquestionably the reservations ordered by the senate majority were essential in any case. But just as unquestionably the best interests of America as a nation runs contrary to any sort of a contractual association with the peoples of the world.

It is just precisely none of your business how your neighbor conducts his establishment so long as he does not annoy and trespass. If his whole family drinks from a common vessel and you fancy that in doing so he is spreading disease, it is still not among your proper rights to go over and demand that he adopt your habits. If he and someone in the next block refuse to speak and begin tooting cannons for each other's wives, if you possess any, will tell you that your best and truest interests will be found in staying off either pretense. If either one of the other ask your services in composing their differences, then that is another matter.

But if you seriously are tired of the tranquility and amity existing in the neighborhood and feel that something should be started go forth and organize the neighborhood either in part or as a whole, into some sort of a league or association to prevent quarrels and protect the property and possessions of each. And then to make it certain that the yeast will rise quick and be full of bubbles, add a provision that the expense of the association shall be borne equally.

Having done this much you should sit at once in a supply of ammunition or arrange for the protection of a plainclothes man. One or the other will surely be required and right decided.

The citizens who attends to his own business and does not assume a superior air in the neighborhood is always the most popular and not infrequently the most prosperous. He ac-

complishes a very great deal more by example than he could possibly hope to accomplish by dureness. He is turned to by his neighbors for advice to settle disputes and to lead out good movements. He is never accused of being selfish for he is the first name on every subscription paper. He is, in short, an ideal citizen. His influence is tremendous.

You will know the man we mean. He appears in a greater or less extent, in every neighborhood. The type is the thing to keep in mind. The United States has occupied just that position in the family of nations since it ceased to be an object of scorn and ridicule. And that hasn't been so very many years, either. It will help some if we understand that the United States is not being consistently courted today by the other nations of the earth because of favor or admiration of what it is, but because of what it can do. That is just a plain, unescapable fact.

We do not believe any good can possibly come to the United States by becoming a member of a league of nations, and we do not believe the United States, as such member, would be in a position to render to any other nation any profit or assistance that it cannot render by retaining its own sovereignty unimpaired. All of this talk that our refusal to join would be only an acknowledgement that we are ruled by selfishness is just rank and nothing else. There is not a fact of the making of a fact in it.

You may be as charitable as you please without giving your neighbors a hand that you will sign every paper that is offered. You can still be capable of discharging your duties as a member of society without entering into a written contract with somebody that you will. You are under neither contract nor bond with your government. It is assumed that you will be a decent citizen; that you will find it to your best interests to be that kind of a citizen.

The sole purpose of any government is to properly safeguard the interests of its own nationals and discharge its recognized obligations to neighbor governments. If you are capable of estimating your obligations to your neighbors and business associates, you can fairly estimate the sane and reasonable conception of government in its international relations. And if you can justify yourself in assuming an attitude of meddlesome interference in the affairs of your neighbors, either as an individual or by associating yourself with several others and thus escaping the fate that would certainly come to you if you acted alone, then you are probably a consistent advocate of the league of nations.

And when, as occasionally happens, a decent mind takes you to the assistance of a neighbor in the next block, either to sit at the bedside of a sick member of the family, help put out a fire or maybe drive a burglar from the house, you do not expect either be paid for doing it, or to be called on to sign bond of contract that you will do the same thing in perpetuity. You would be offended by such suggestion, and rightly so.

There are no big problems in the world. They only seem so. Wholesome common sense is the moving force in the world. It always has been. It was never so much in demand as now. The war was not a big thing. It was a condition that had to be met by the application of a very few, very simple, very old rules. There are no big problems now. The so called big problem of reconstructing the world does not exist. It never has.

What the situation requires is a speedy abatement of the hysteria. An adoption of a very few of the very old, very simple modes of thought if you tackle the impossible, then you have a problem. But it doesn't get you anywhere to fret and worry because you can't solve it. The very simple, very old truth you must recognize is that the thing is impossible. Then your problem has gone. That is the answer to the leaders' demand that we offer a better cure for war.

The world can't be reconstructed in a day. It took five years to tear it up. Neither can the wealth destroyed by war be enjoyed, now that peace has come. We can all feel fun and fume and worry because this is so, but it will accomplish nothing. By adopting a very few, very old, very simple rules we can all be employed, we can all be happy and the thing that now looks so appalling will take care of itself and cure itself.

It is still a sound maxim that the man who minds his own business makes the best citizen. That goes for nations. Because such a man is always the first to respond to the cry of distress.

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I know the toller at his bench. *“Toleration”* the printer at his press.

And they are men who hold The Flag above material success.

I do not fear the feet of those who march to war from day to day. Will follow men who die in base and mischievous boudoir and opium.

I have no fear that doctrines will expand like an alien breed.

Will live one real American to utter any vicious creed.

I know the workman of today. I know that he would sooner die.

Than see the flag which shelters him in shame come fluttering from the sky.

And this I also know of him, that he would quickly strike to earth.

Thou art who dares to raise his voice against the country of his birth.

Bless us all at the Thanksgiving board. Be with those who cannot be with us as well as those who can. Make us, wherever we may be, one in that unity of hope and faith and love which neither time nor distance can destroy. And send us forth into the future with thanksgiving faces and thanksgiving hearts—eager to labor, strong to endure, and useful to the land we love. Amen.

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seem to believe. It was the natural thing. Being necessary it was done. And it was necessary because, for one thing, it was necessary to redress the balance between the executive and legislative branches of our own government.

If the precedent established by that trip to Paris and the flouting of constitutional limitations, had been established, as it would have been had the treaty been accepted as presented, your government would have looked like a two-point triangle as compared to a perfect three-point triangle. It would never have been the same. It could not have been. And that is saying nothing whatever about the effects of the confederation with other nations that would have followed. America would never have been again the America you studied in history and have revered all your life.

You may not think so now, but you are going to live to thank and love the senators who stood against unbridled autocracy in the year 1919.

By and large all men are willing to abide by the decisions of the American voters. The peace treaty with its league covenant is about to be referred to this great jury. We hope no compromise will be attempted by the senate, and if attempted, that it will fail. Then we hope that one party, when in national convention next year, will take a square, fair stand for the treaty of Versailles as written, demanding that the United States join the league, and that the other will take as square and firm stand against the very conception of the league.

After a campaign on such an issue the jury will return a verdict that will be mandatory. If a new America is wanted, then we should have it. If the old America is ordered retained, then let that be the action.

If Kendall has an adequate alibi to explain what happened at Stillwater we would be glad to hear it. If the league had anything to do with it let's know it.

Oklahoma Outbursts

BY OTIS LORTON.

Since Earl Foster resigned as county attorney, Creek county democrats are figuring him their candidate for attorney general.

In their clamor for equal rights, observes the Oklahoma City Times, has it occurred to the women that there are equal wrongs which aren't punished that way?

Bill Morgan, in his ruminings for the McAlester News-Capital, wants to know who has any idea how mince pie and plum pudding will taste with one-half of one per cent.

We have sonic fellows, says the Chandler News-Publicist, who act as though they are going to be awfully disappointed if they get to heaven and find there are no judges there for them to join.

The girl on South Main says she didn't appreciate how thorny life's highway until she was compelled to undergo the painful operation of kissing an old bald-headed employer in order to hold a \$75 job.

The musical critic on the Chickasha Express says: "Most of us would have been better able to judge the abilities of Madam Zeisler as a piano player if she had given us a few samples of jazz."

We have always suspected there was political favoritism shown in the administration of affairs, and in confirmation of this suspicion we note that George Evans of the Chickasha Express boasts that he has enough print paper to run him until January 1 and three tons of coal in the cellar.

Governor Robertson is hitting a hat with the governors of Kansas, Texas and Arkansas that Oklahoma will be first in the sale of Red Cross Christmas seals. Does this mean that the gambling laws have been suspended, or is it just one of those wagers which the supreme court classifies as a "gentleman's game?"

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